

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. If Sinclair stations air "Stolen Honor," they should be required to air a pro-Kerry program like "Going Upriver" shortly after, in a similar time slot, so that the general public receives fair and balanced coverage.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. If large corporations using the airwaves do not respect the public interest and abuse the public interest, THEY SHOULD HAVE THEIR LICENSES REVOKED! Stations should be required to follow similar guidelines to those used on NPR.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media usership rules, and revoke the licenses of radio stations that do not comply with the basic rules of decency and fair play. Thank you.